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DEPARTMENT FOR PM-HDP, DRL, EAP/MLS, EAP/RSP AND S/GHD

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR TWO INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND THE SEAPORT SECURITY/ANTI-TERRORISM COURSE AUGUST 10-21, 2009 AT SIHANOUKVILLE PORT

REF: 03 SECSTATE 034981

¶1. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

¶2. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S. sponsored training programs.

¶3. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S. sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals selected for the seaport Security/Anti-Terrorism Course August 10-21, 2009 at Sihanoukville Port.

NAME: Ngan, Chanvathna (Male)
DPOB: Jun. 18, 1976; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Chief of Counter-Terrorism Office
RANK: Colonel
DEPT/UNIT: Royal Gendarmerie

NAME: Ya, Dine (Male)
DPOB: Jan. 1, 1984; Kandal
POSITION: Assistant to Commander
RANK: Major
DEPT/UNIT: Phnom Penh Gendarmerie

¶4. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above individuals.

¶5. The individuals will attend the Seaport Security/Anti-Terrorism Course August 10-21, 2009 at Sihanoukville Port.

¶6. Action request: Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights.

¶7. Points of contacts for Amembassy Phnom Penh are Major Wayne Turnbull at turnbullpw@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-219, or Jena Johnson at Johnsonjd3@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118.

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